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**Professional:**

1991-Present	Roxanne Conlin & Associates, P.C. Law Firm Focus: Civil Litigation Class Actions, Employment, Civil Rights, Personal Injury and Constitutional Law
1983-1990	Galligan and Conlin, P.C. Law Firm Focus: Civil Litigation Employment, Civil Rights, Personal Injury and Constitutional Law
1982	Democratic nominee for Governor of the State of Iowa
1977-1981	United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys, Consultant: Attorney General Advocacy Institute
1977-1979	Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Iowa Law School First Course on Women and the Law in Iowa
1976-1977	Consultant to the United States Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, United States Department of State
1969-1976	Assistant Attorney General for the State of Iowa Director, Iowa Civil Rights Section, Department of Justice – Duties included prosecution of anti-trust suits and removal of public officials guilty of public misconduct
1967-1968	Deputy Industrial Commissioner
1966-1967	Private Practice

## **Honors and Awards**

2018	America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators for Iowa.
2017	Albert Nelson Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award.
2017	10 Best Female Attorneys.
2016	10 Best Female Attorneys.
2015	Elected as Senior Fellow with Litigation Counsel of America.
2014	Donald Lay Award.
2013	Bloomer/Catt Award for Public Service. Status of Women Conference.
2013	Alumni Achievement Award - Drake Law School.
2013	Selected by Martindale-Hubbell as a Preeminent Woman Lawyer - exclusively for women attorneys who have received the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards from their peers.
2011	Recognized as being in the top 5% of America's Most Honored Professionals.
2011	Community Champion Award from the Civil Justice Foundation.
2011	National Championship Honoree from the American Mock Trial Association.
2010	Community Champion Award from the Civil Justice Foundation.
2010	Selected as one of Labor & Employment's Best Lawyers.
2009	Gertrude Rush Award from Iowa State Bar Association.
2009	Selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.
2009	Selected as one of Midwest CEO's Most Influential Women of 2009.
2008	Selected as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America.

2008	Iowa Senate Resolution 134 commending work and congratulating for accomplishments, passed unanimously.
2008	2008 Louise Noun Visionary Women Award – awarded by the Young Women’s Resource Center.
2008	Inducted into Iowa Legal Aid Hall of Fame.
2007	1 <sup>st</sup> recipient of the Iowa Trial Lawyer’s Public Justice Award, named the Roxanne Conlin Public Justice Award.
2007	Inducted into the Iowa Democratic Party Hall of Fame as Outstanding Supporter.
2007	Elected to Litigation Counsel of America.
2006	American Association of Justice (formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America), Leonard M. Ring Champion of Justice Award – Awarded annually to a member whose life and career epitomizes that of a true champion of justice.
2005	Activist Leader Award from Drake University, United Way and the Des Moines ‘Business Record’.
2005	Iowa Trial Lawyers Association, 2005 ITLA Public Justice Award in Recognition of Persistence and Determination in Pursuing Successful Litigation that Establishes the Right to Trial by Jury for Plaintiffs in Civil Rights Cases under the Iowa Civil Rights Act.
2005	Association of Trial Lawyers of America, National College of Advocacy, Diplomat of Trial Advocacy.
2005	Iowa Juneteenth Observance Liberty Award.
2005	The Iowa Shares Special Recognition in Iowa for efforts to resettle Vietnamese boat people in Iowa.
2004	Ruth Bader Ginsburg Award from NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.
2004	The 2004 Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers 88 <sup>th</sup> Edition.
2003	Lifetime Achievement Award from ATLA.

2003	Mary Louise Smith Human Rights Award from the Des Moines Human Rights Commission.
2002	Elected to Membership in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.
2002	Award from Very Special Arts of Iowa serving disabled Iowans.
2002	Award from United Way for work with Young Women's Resource Center.
2002	Named by National Law Journal as One of the Ten Most Influential Women Attorneys.
2001	Mary Louise Smith Award for Racial Justice from the YWCA.
2000	Marie Lambert Award for Equality for Women from the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.
2000	Selected as One of Twelve Most Influential Women by the Des Moines 'Business Record'.
2000	Named One of the Fifty Most Influential Iowans of the Twentieth Century by Des Moines Register.
1999	Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys.
1999	International Society of Lawyers for Public Service.
1999	Kansas City Association of Women Lawyers established the Annual Roxanne Barton Conlin Scholarship.
1998	Rosalie Wahl Leadership Award from the Minnesota Women Lawyers Association.
1998	Named by the National Law Journal as one of "The Fifty Most Influential Women Lawyers in America".
1997	Named Woman of the Year by the Metro Women's Network.
1995-Present	Featured in <u>Best Lawyers in America</u> .
1995	Elected to Membership in the Inner Circle of Advocates.
1994	Elected to membership in the American Law Institute.

1994 APEX Award recognizing excellence in opinion column writing for President's Page in Trial of June, 1993 on Alcoholism.

1993 Verne Lawyer Outstanding Member Award from the Iowa Association of Trial Lawyers.

1993 Elected to Membership in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1992 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester Bedell Memorial Lecture.

1992 Life Fellow of the Iowa State Bar Association.

1992 One of the women featured in the book More Strongminded Women by Louise Noun (ISU Press).

1991 Named one of 100 most influential lawyers in the nation by National Law Journal.

1991 Elected to Membership in the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1991 Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

1990 Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys.

1989 Outstanding Alumni Award, Drake University Law School.

1989 Woman of Vision Award, Young Women's Resource Center.

1989 Named one of the nation's top ten litigators in an article in the National Law Journal.

1987 Iowa Citizens Action Network Annual Award for Public Service.

1981 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.

1981 Omicron Delta Kappa, Alumni Member.

1981 Award for Outstanding Assistance - United States Secret Service.

1979 Special Commendation - Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1978 Special Commendation - United States Postal Inspection Service.

- 1976 Chosen in article in McCall's Magazine (November issue) as one of 44 Women qualified for a Cabinet Position.
- 1975 Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Dubuque.
- 1975 Chosen in article in Redbook Magazine as one of "44 Women Who Could Save America".
- 1974 Outstanding Service to Civil Liberties presented by the Iowa Civil Liberties Union.
- 1974 Martin Luther King, Jr. award for outstanding service presented by Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of N.A. AFL-CIO.
- 1974 The Outstanding Young Woman of Iowa.

### **Civic and Professional Activities**

- 2000 – Current Elected to membership in the Litigation Counsel of America, National Center for State Court Lawyers Committee, 2003 - 2006  
Board of Directors Trial Lawyers Care, the National Pro Bono Effort for the Victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Tragedy, 2001 - 2004
- 1990 – President – Roscoe Pound Foundation, 1994 - 1997  
Elected to Membership in the American Law Institute, 1994 - Present  
Trustee in the American Jury Trial Foundation, 1993 - Present  
President of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 1992 - 1993;  
President-Elect (1991-1992); Vice-President (1990-1991);  
Secretary (1989-1990); Parliamentarian (1988-1989); and  
ATLA-PAC Board of Directors (1987-1989)  
Chair of the following Association of Trial Lawyers of America committees: Organization Review Committee; Education Committee; Membership Oversight Committee; Consumer and Victims Coalition Committee; Safety Conference Committee; Member of Roscoe Pound Foundation Board of Governors, and various other committees (1986-1992)  
Board of Directors of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys, 1991 - 2000  
Advisory Board Member - Older Iowans' Permanent Fund Foundation, 1991 - 1997  
Board Member – Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, 1991 - 2000  
Honorary Board Member, Animal Rescue League of Iowa, 1990 - 1995

- 1980 – Master of the Bench, Blackstone Inn, American Inns of Court, 1989 - Present  
Co-Chair, Higher Education Task Force of the State of Iowa, 1988 - 1992  
Advisory Board, Coalition for Women's Appointments, 1988 - 1990  
President, Civil Justice Foundation, 1986 - 1988  
Council on Judicial Selection, Appointed by Chief Justice Reynolds, 1986  
Board of Directors, YWCA, 1986 - 1988  
Chair, Board of Governors, Drake University Law School Endowment Trust, 1985 - 1986  
Board of Governors, Association of Trial Lawyers of Iowa, 1984 - 1995  
Board of Directors, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1983 – 1989  
President, 1986 to 1988; General Counsel, 1985-1986  
Board of Directors, Dowling High School, 1981 - 2001  
President, Vice President, Federal Executive Council, 1979 - 1981
- 1970 – Member, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, 1979 - Present  
Board of Directors, Iowa Shares Program, 1978 - 1980  
Advisory Board, National Women's Political Caucus, 1977 - 1992  
Law Board of Counselors for Drake University Law School, 1977 - 1985  
Panelist, Upper Midwest Council - Critical Choice Project, 1976 - 1977  
Youth for Understanding, Bicentennial Committee of Iowa, 1976  
Administrative Committee Member, National Women's Political Caucus, 1975 - 1977  
Board of Directors, Polk County Rape/Sexual Assault Care Center, 1974 - 1977  
Board of Directors, Riverhills Day Care Center, 1974 - 1975  
Founder and State Chairperson, Iowa Women's Political Caucus, 1973 - 1975  
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, 1972 - 1978  
Member, American Bar Association and various sections and committees, 1966 – Present  
Member, Iowa Bar Association, 1966 – Present; Career Day Panel, Bar Review Committee, Federal Practice Committee, Uniform Court Instructions Committee (1987-1992)

## **Education**

Drake University. Bachelor of Arts, 1964. Phi Beta Kappa. Alpha Lambda Delta, Women's Honorary Sorority. Chi Omega Social Service Award for work with underprivileged children. National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Reader's Digest Scholar.

Drake University Law School. Juris Doctorate, 1966. Law Review. Representative to American Law Student Association. Fischer Foundation Scholar. Dean: Kappa Beta Phi Legal Sorority.

Drake University. Master's Degree in Public Administration, 1979. Pi Alpha Alpha, Honorary Society in Public Affairs and Administration, 1978.

Harvard University. Recipient: Grant for Seminar entitled Limits of Positivism: Certainty and Justice in the Law. August, 1980.

### **Notable Listings**

Who's Who in America  
Who's Who in American Law  
Who's Who in Government  
Who's Who of American Women  
Who's Who in the Midwest  
Who's Who in Politics  
Dictionary of International Biography  
World's Who's Who of Women  
The Best Lawyers in America  
Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

### **Selected Articles and Book Chapters**

"Voor Dire for the Plaintiff in a Medical Malpractice Case", Jury Selection – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, (Aspen Publishers 2010)

"ATLA's Litigating Tort Cases", 6 volumes, Co-editor West Publishing Company (June, 2003)

"In Defense of the American Trial Lawyer", The Aspen Institute Quarterly (Spring, 1993, Volume V, No. II, Page 128)

"Loser Pays" Rule: Who Pays for Injustice, with Clarence L. King, Jr., National Law Journal, July, 1992 (Reprinted in Trial Magazine, October, 1992)

"Making the Opposing Expert Tell the Truth", 22 Trial Lawyers Quarterly, No. 1, p. 50 (Fall, 1991)

"Voor Dire Examination and Jury Selection", Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit - 3rd Edition, (ATLA Press 1991)

"Litigation Explosion Disputed", National Law Journal, July 29, 1991 (Reprinted in Trial Magazine, p. 114, "'Litigation Explosion' Tempest in a Teapot?", Nov. 1991 as published by ATLA)



"Women, Power, and the Law", 26 Trial, 22 (Feb., 1990)

"Landlord Liability for Criminal Attack on Client", 35 Am. Jur. Trials 1 (1987)

Legal Status of Homemakers in Iowa, United States Commission on International Women's Year, November, 1976

"Government Policy and the Legal Status of Women", Women in the Professions, Ed. Laurily Keir Epstein, Lexington Books, 1976

Equal Protection vs. The Equal Rights Amendment - Where Are We Now?, 24 Drake Law Review 259 (Winter 1975)

### **Personal**

Born June 30, 1944, Huron, South Dakota

Married to James C. Conlin, March 24, 1964; 4 children; 5 grandchildren